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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
May 6, 2008**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm, and Weber; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to approve the minutes of April, 29, 2008. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Receipt of Clerk and Recorder fees report.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 5/7 Meeting with Dave & Chuck Hunter- 12:00
- 5/8 CTAC - 8:00
 - Tri - Co. Working Group - 9:00
 - Weed Board - 6:00
 - Library Board - Clancy - 6:30
- 5/12 Meeting with Frank Watkins - 10:30
 - Fair Board - 6:00
- 5/13 Meeting with Mike Waite - 11:00
 - Museum Board - 5:00
- 5/14 Elkhorn Mine's Working Group - 10:00
- 5/15 MACo District Meeting - Whitehall - 10:00
 - North End Library sub-committee - 7:00
- 5/16 Clancy Library - Trustees

COMMISSION REPORTS

JEFFERSON CO. AND MADISON CO. MEETING

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that on Wednesday May 1, he and Commissioner Weber had attended a meeting in Virginia City with Madison County Commissioner Dave Schultz and two new Commissioners. The meeting pertained basically to the equatability of the two counties shared expenses regarding Extention Agent Andrea Sarshet. It was decided that the counties were happy with the work she did for both and yes the shared expenses were equitable. Commissioner Weber concured.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE AT BLUE SKY HEIGHTS

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that on May 1, he attended a meeting of Blue Sky Heights Water User Association (WUA). There was a discussion about the problem with dogs running loose and the Jefferson County Animal Control Ordinance. Jean Anderson, a resident of Blue Sky Heights, had requested the WUA include a copy of the ordinance in their minutes to be sent to all the residents, educating them as to the ordinance. The WUA said that would not be possible but they had made 100 copies of the ordinance, and a list of all the residents that Jean could mail the copies to. According to the members attending the meeting the residents of Blue Sky Heights are not interested in forming a homeowners association, which in the end would be the best way to communicate with the residents.

STORAGE TANKS FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that on May 5, he met with Mr. McKeever (land owner), Don Hurney, Great West Engineering, Rick Abraham, Dave Christenson, Joe Carter, Bill Morgan and Pat Calen to determine the logistics and placement of storage tanks for fire protection at Ridgeview Estates.

RDGP GRANT FOR WATER ANALYSIS

Commissioner Weber commented on the meeting he and Commissioner Lythgoe attended with John Bowe (NRCS), Josh Keller (Headwater RC&D, and David Nimick (U.S.G.S.) concerning the Reclamation and Development Grant Program application. The grant would fund continued water quality analysis in cooperation with U.S.G.S..

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the boards were fully staffed and motioned that the Commission accept and appoint the Fire District Trustees as listed in the memo. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

LIFTING OF AGRICULTURE RESTRICTION ON TRACT J SECTION 16 T8N R3W

Harold Stepper, Jefferson County Planner, presented Resolution 20-2008 RESOLUTION TO LIFT AGRICULTURAL COVENANT ON TRACT J IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST KNOWN AS CLIFFORD C. MAIN PROPERTY. He also presented two maps of the area. Mr. Stepper then read the resolution out loud to the Commission.

Commissioner Weber made it known that he was acquainted with the piece of property and had at one time had an interest in it. He felt that did not affect his judgement in this issue, and that he did not consider it a conflict of interest. He then continued to ask Mr. Stepper questions concerning the adjoining properties, and the opinion of the residents around the property.

Commissioner Lythgoe then asked, because of several errors in the legal description and wording, if the resolution had been reviewed by Matt Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney, and it had not.

Commissioner Weber stated the issue should be added to the agenda two weeks out for further discussion. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he felt all resolutions should be written by Matt Johnson from now on.

RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR GROUND WATER TESTING

Commissioner Weber shared details of the meeting with John Bowe, NRCS (writing the grant); Josh Keller, Headwaters RC&D (administering the grant); and David Nimick, U.S.G.S. (field work). He explained that the county had been asked for matching funds in the amount of \$15,103 in the form of money or in-kind services. He then explained that the money or services would be paid out over a three year period of time, and that Megan Bullock, Jefferson County Sanitarian, had established a cost projection of \$7,815.60 for her contribution of in-kind services (field work collecting water samples). The county's share would then be \$7,322. That amount divided over a three year period would amount to approximately \$2,440/per year.

Commissioner Lythgoe then moved to provide the combined matching funds from the county and the in-kind contribution by Megan Bullock over a three year period of time to the water analysis project.

There was a discussion between Commissioners Notbohm, Lythgoe, and Weber as to whether the Commission should be taking an active part in this project and their responsibility to the public and it was decided that it was necessary.

Commissioner Weber then seconded the motion and it was carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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